

- 7 **SERVICE OF THE PETITION BY THE PETITIONER:** Upon filing a petition, the petitioner is responsible for the timely service of a copy of the petition, together with any attachments, on parties known to be affected by issues raised by the petition. Any showing of interest or showing of membership submitted with a petition, however, may not be furnished to any other party. While the regulations require that a written statement of such service be filed with the Regional Director; note that the petition form contains a statement by the petitioner verifying service of the petition on all parties known to be affected by issues raised in the petition. If the petitioner fails to actually serve copies of the petition on affected parties, the petition is defective and could be dismissed if the defect is not cured (see [CHM 12](#), [12.4](#) and [13.8](#)). See also *U.S. Department of the Army, Headquarters, Sixth United States Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California (Presidio)*, 34 FLRA 1032 (1990) (awareness of parties of filing of an application for review not sufficient-documents must be served).

***NOTE: The service requirements in § 2422.4 are construed to exclude from serving parties with supporting evidence that may identify employees who voted in an election or how they voted; the names of voters or attendees at a Montrose election or any other type of evidence that may reveal the identity of an employee who was engaged in any election proceeding.***

